

CITY ATTORNEY JOB GOES TO HALL

Santa To Entertain Kids Of City

Council Names Legal Adviser

LIONS PARTY TOPS LIST OF AFFAIRS

Santa Claus is being kept very busy these days entertaining the kids at the many Christmas activities planned here.

The Lions Club has persuaded Santa to chat with the 2,000 to 2,500 children expected at the Fifth Annual Lions Club Kids' Christmas Party next Thursday, December 21. Free to all the kids, the party will begin at 2 p. m. at the Torrance Civic auditorium.

Also on Santa's heavy schedule is the Jaycee Children's Party scheduled for Dec. 18, 19, and 20 at the lot on Marcelina street, across the street from the Torrance Post Office. With four Tinkertown kiddie rides and the Strong's circus the event will be held from 2 p. m. till 8 p. m. each day.

Keeping Santa hopping tomorrow will be the many P. T. A. (Continued on Page Two)

Men Being Sought For Defense Unit

Men willing to shoulder a rifle for a South Bay unit of the California Defense and Security Corps are being sought. Anyone interested will be welcome, 8 p. m. tonight at the Torrance Ball Park, where Company "B" will be formed.

All men between 17 and 60 years of age with or without previous military experience are needed. Those between 19 and 27 years must not be subject to the draft.

Volunteers are expected to train two hours each week.

Information and blanks can be obtained at the Torrance Municipal Ball Park on Wednesday nights at 8 p. m. Torrance and Lomita men may get information by calling M. R. Barrett at Torrance 367-M.

Those in the Bay area should contact Capt. McKnight during the day at Frontier 2-2337, or during the evening at Frontier 4-1427.

Rides, Circus, and Santa At Jaycee Kids Yule Party

Four Tinkertown kiddie rides, Strong's circus, and Santa Claus will all be here December 18, 19, and 20, at the Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The party, which is possible through the cooperation of Torrance merchants, will be located at the lot on Marcelina, across the street from the Post Office. It will be held from 2 p. m. till 8 p. m. each day.

This is the first time such an undertaking has been attempted in Torrance, said Charles Shultz Jr., Jaycee chairman of the event.

Tickets for the rides for children up to 12 years of age will be available, free of charge, to the parents at stores of most Torrance merchants.

The four kiddie rides will include: Ferris wheel, airplane ride, auto car ride, and train ride. The Strong's will furnish in addition a seven act kiddie circus. Half price will be charged for the circus on the presentation of an advertising poster, available at Torrance merchants and schools.

Other chairmen are C. J. Meadway, publicity; Bob Owens, merchant ticket sales, and Dick Tuttle, party activities.



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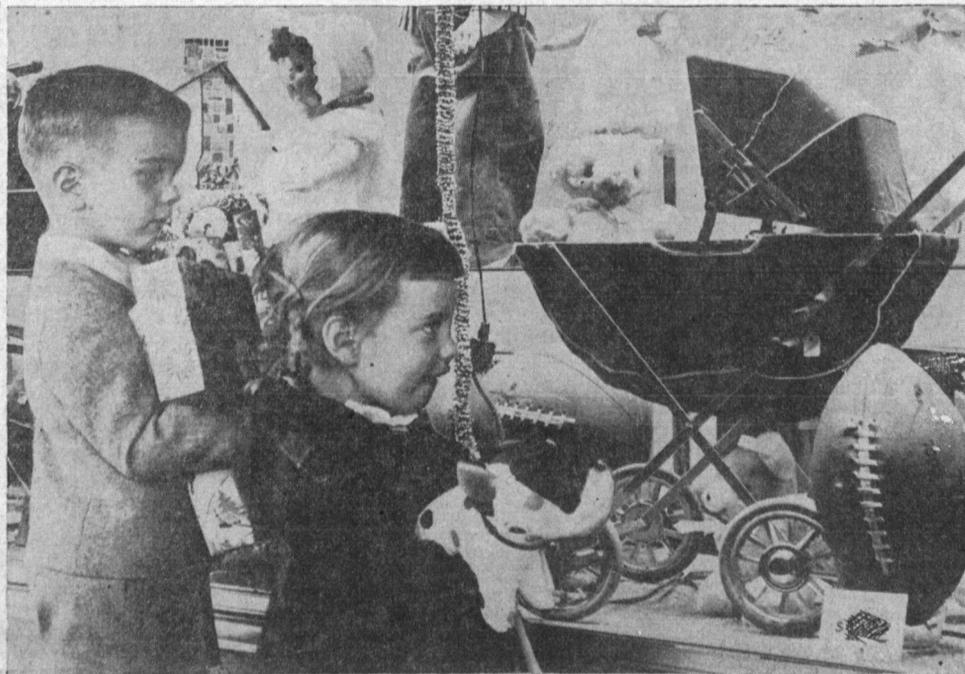
Now being graded in preparation of a 177 home development is the land on the southeast corner of East Road and Normandie avenue in the Shoestring. Clarence Hedrick, exclusive agent for the enterprise, called Woodley Square, announced that construction will begin immediately after the grading work is completed. He added that construction should be completed within four and one-half months after it is begun.

With a choice of rustic or modern design for the buyer, the houses are planned to sell for \$9950 to \$11,250. Varying from 1051 sq. ft. to 1240 sq. ft., four different floor plans and twelve elevations are planned for the housing project. As Hedrick said, "What we want to build is a home, not a housing project. We hope to build the best house in this locality."

Hedrick said that each house will be equipped with a fire place, a garbage disposal unit, and will have a den in addition to the two bedrooms planned.

NOTICE TO READERS

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TWO TORRANCE SHOPPERS are seriously studying the Christmas shopping problem as they look at McMahan's store window. Boy, I sure wish Santa would give me that football, whispers the boy to his little sister. She is, in the meantime, wistfully looking at the doll carriage. New light has been thrown on the

cheerful Christmas displays in downtown Torrance stores by the newly installed modern mercury vapor lumen street lamps. Stores will remain open till 9:00 p. m. until Christmas for the benefit of Christmas shoppers.

Schools Let Out for Yule Holiday Friday

The 4,683 students in the Torrance Unified School District will be released tomorrow afternoon for a two and one half week Christmas vacation, announced Emmett Ingram, assistant superintendent. Classes will reconvene Tuesday, January 2, 1951.

Ingram also added that all the teachers in the Unified School District will get the same period of time for vacation with pay. Many of them, however, will be attending Institute sessions during much of the time.

Local Boy, Men's Prexy at Santa Barbara College

Frank Dominguez of 2013 Arlington, Torrance, is president of the Associated Men Students, an organization comprising most of the male enrollment at Santa Barbara College of the University of California.

Mr. Dominguez is the son of F. G. Dominguez. He is a senior majoring in Physical Education.

Cowboy Star at Lions Kids Yuletide Party

All the kids in town are invited to see Doye O'Dell, famous singing cowboy at the Annual Lions Club Children's Christmas Party. The big annual free event will be held 2 p. m. Thursday, December 21 in the Torrance Civic auditorium, announced Paul Diamond, general chairman.

Doye O'Dell of C-5 Ranch who appears nightly on television, will share the spotlight of the kids' affection with Santa Claus at the Lions Party. Surprise Christmas packages will also be given to the 2000 to 2500 children expected at the party, said Milt Isbell, entertainment chairman.

Rev. Ulysses S. Schauer, will give the invocation and tell the Christmas story to the children. Other entertainment will be offered to the kids by the Torrance Accordionettes. Singing of Christmas carols by the children will round off the Christmas program.

Walt Shaeffer and Milt Isbell are in charge of the entertainment.

County Hikes Prisoners' Food Rates

The rate for room and board in the County Jail of Torrance prisoners has been increased 62 cents per day for males and \$1.37 per day for female prisoners, it was revealed this week.

The Board of Supervisors instructed Chairman Roger Jessup to sign agreements with 19 cities within the County to provide jail care and maintenance for their prisoners.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby presented the motion to approve the new agreements which contain schedules for higher rates than those charged last year.

The sum of \$1.57 per day will be charged for male prisoners and \$2.32 per day for female prisoners. The old rate was 95c per day for each prisoner maintained.

The cities in the Fourth Supervisorial District participating in the county service are Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Torrance, Avalon and Culver City.

GET YOUR X-RAY HERE NEXT WEEK

Don't take chances with Tuberculosis. All local people should take advantage of the Los Angeles County Chest X-Ray Unit when it will be at eight different locations in the area from December 18 through December 25, according to Al Ewalt, chairman of the campaign here.

Dr. Allen Pyeatt, publicity chairman, announced the local locations and dates as follows:

Torrance National Bank, Tues. Dec. 19 through Sat., Dec. 23 from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Newberry's, Mon., Dec. 18 and Tues., Dec. 19 from 12 noon to 8 p. m.

Manor Market (North Torrance), Wed., Dec. 20 from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Duarte's Market (The Pueblo) Thurs., Dec. 21 from 12 noon to 8 p. m.

Roth's Market, Fri., Dec. 22 and Sat., Dec. 23 from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Daniel's Bus Depot and Cafe, Fri., Dec. 22 and Sat., Dec. 23 from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Haggett's Real Estate (Seaside Rancho), Fri., Dec. 22 from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Bill's Barber Shop (Walteria), Sat., Dec. 23 from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Free of charge, quick and no undressing needed. Dr. Pyeatt emphasized that a chest X-ray is urged for every person over 15 years of age.

Two Men Try To Kidnap Ten Year Old Girl

Two men driving in a black Ford sedan early Monday evening at 6 p. m. allegedly attempted kidnap of 10 year old Donna Elliott on Lincoln ave., west of Arlington ave.

Her mother, Mrs. Joseph Elliott, of 1774 Santa Fe told police that her daughter was riding her bicycle when the men drove up and told Donna that her mother had sent them to get her and for the girl to put her bicycle on the rear of the car. They asked her to get into the car with them but she refused and fled.

Both men were about 30 years of age. One is described as having black hair and the other as (Continued on Page Two)

Civil Defense Action Taken By Council

Civil Defense precautions were decided by Council action last Tuesday night.

In accordance with a master state plan for civil defense against an atomic attack, the Council adopted Resolution 2132 which brings Torrance into a mutual aid agreement with other California cities for civil disaster defense.

As predicted exclusively in the Press last week, James M. Hall, attorney residing in Seaside Ranchos, was named city attorney by the City Council Tuesday night.

Hall succeeds to the office vacated by the passing two weeks ago of C. Douglass Smith, who had occupied the job through a stormy career of some four years.

Hall has been in private practice in Torrance and also has been serving as a corporation attorney. It is understood that he will reopen his Torrance office and practice law in this city.

The city attorney job is part time, but under civil service. It pays \$4,200 per year, and principal duties are to advise the City Council, various commissions and boards, and officials in the conduct of their offices.

The Civil Service Commission sent a letter to the Council stating that Tom McNary, deputy district attorney, was high man, and recommended him for the job of city attorney.

W. E. Kalbfleisch, also on the civil service list as a qualified candidate for the job, sent a letter to the Council asking that he be named.

Councilmen Nick Dralle and George Powell tried in vain to have the appointment delayed until a special meeting Wednesday. However, the councilman majority chose to go ahead, with Councilman H. Spelman moving for the appointment of Hall.

Councilman W. Blount seconded the motion, and Powell joined the duo and Mayor Bob Haggard in appointing Hall.

The late Mr. Smith had served as city attorney since the resignation in 1946 of John E. McCall, a Torrance resident who practices law in Los Angeles.

Gardena Eyes King Probe Of Gambling

Speculation as to whether or not Rep. Cecil King's special probe of gambling in California will include an inquiry into the operation of the several card clubs in Gardena was voiced this week. Gardena is in Rep. King's 18th Congressional District.

The card clubs of Gardena operate under city license issued on the authority of an opinion by former Attorney General U. S. Webb that draw poker is not a game of chance.

No other attorney general has since upset Webb's opinion. King's inquiry is based on the revelation that several suspended California officials of the Internal Revenue Bureau have been linked with California "gamblers, gangsters and hoodlums."

King said he may hold hearings in California if evidence turned up in Washington warrants the inquiry here.

Council to Okeh Dates of Civil Service Exams

The Torrance Civil Service Commission will be required to submit to the City Council for approval the dates of all future Civil Service Examinations for city jobs, under the terms of Ordinance 514 adopted by the Council Tuesday night.

The new ordinance also requires that minutes of the Civil Service Commission be forwarded to the Council.

Earlier in the meeting, the Council received a letter from the Civil Service Commission protesting the above ordinance as illegal.

The Council also appointed James Cole to the Recreation Commission succeeding James Wallace, resigned.

MAYER LAND EASEMENTS REMOVED

After much squabbling by the City Council Tuesday night, a resolution lifting the easements on the Palos Verdes Parkway property of Rudolph B. Mayer was adopted.

An attempt was made by Councilman Nick Dralle to table the resolution. This would have been the second time this resolution had been tabled. But on motion of Councilman Willy Blount to adopt the resolution, Dralle's action was overridden by the Council.

Action removing the sidewalk requirements on the Mayer property in Hollywood Riviera was taken at an earlier meeting of the Council.

The resolution removing the easements on Palos Verdes Parkway land also included land owned by the Huntington Land Corporation.

The action clears the way for development of the Mayer property between the ocean bluff and the parkway. Mayer at one time had planned a \$6,000,000 hotel development on that land.

Also removed by the action was any possibility that the Mayer property would be sold to a wealthy syndicate of Los Angeles Negro citizens.

Two Weeks Left, \$1000 Gold Rush Tomorrow Night

With two more weeks remaining, Torrance people should be sure to attend the \$1000 Gold Rush event, 7 p. m. tomorrow night in front of Bernard's Family Shoe Store, 1319 Sartori Ave. Many consolation prizes will be given away besides the \$100 Gold Rush prize.

Winner of the \$100 Gold Rush prize last Friday night was Mrs. Ruth Nagel of 2417 Andrus Ave., Torrance.

With two more weeks remaining of the \$1000 Gold Rush Event, sponsored by Torrance merchants, \$100 will be given away each Friday night of the remaining Gold Rush weeks. Numbers will be called until that of some lucky winner, present at the event, claims the booty.

Paul Diamond, chairman for Gold Rush Days, announced that tickets are available at leading merchants in Torrance, free of charge.

Hospital Workers Ask Wage Hike

Tabled Tuesday until Dec. 26 by the Board of Supervisors was a request for a wage raise from a mass meeting of county employees, many representing the 860 county employees of the Harbor General Hospital.

Mrs. S. Hale, one of the county employees working at the Harbor General Hospital said that the representatives requested a \$25 a month across-the-board raise to help stabilize the high cost of living and increased income taxes.

Mrs. Hale said that the average attendant with a family to support now makes \$175 a (Continued on Page Two)

NEW SUPERVISOR BOUNDARIES ASKED

Registrar of Voters Benjamin Hite and County Engineer and Surveyor Carl Arnold have been instructed by the Board of Supervisors to make a survey on the possibilities of redistricting and realigning the supervisorial boundaries.

The problem was raised by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, who declared that his district contained 548,020 registered voters and such districts as the Second and Third, - Supervisors Roach and Ford, respectively, contain between 313,000 and 318,000 registered voters each.

Darby declared that the charter provides for redistricting of County Supervisor districts after each election and such action has not been taken for at least 18 or 20 years.

The survey will help decide upon the feasibility of equalizing the areas, he said.

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WORKING HARD putting up the signs for the coming Children's Christmas Party set for December 18, 19, and 20, are some of the Jaycees sponsoring the event. They are, left to right, Dick Tuttle, Bob Owens, Charles Shultz Jr., C. J. Meadway, and Ed Karlow. The party, which

will include Tinkertown kiddie rides and a kiddie circus will be located at the lot on Marcelina street across from the Post Office. Tickets for the rides for children up to 12 years old will be available, free of charge, to the parents at most Torrance stores.—Press Photo.